# MORTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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**For Immediate Release**
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# WANTED: James White

Mandan, N.D. – The Morton County Sheriff's Department is requesting assistance in finding James White who is wanted on felony warrants for reckless endangerment, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, reckless driving and felonious restraint.

White was one of the individuals who surrounded the vehicle of journalists on October 18, 2016, preventing the journalists from leaving. The protesters shook the vehicle and were hitting the vehicle's windows, demanding the journalists' video footage. Law enforcement responded to the journalists' 9-1-1 call and an officer witnessed vehicles blocking in the journalists vehicle.

White was one of the individuals who knowingly restrained the three journalists under terrorizing circumstances when White stood in front of the vehicle, yelling at them and refusing to allow them to leave the camp. Felonious Restraint is a class C felony. White is also charged with reckless endangerment, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and reckless driving in relation to an October 14th, 2016 incident. An officer witnessed White exit the roadway into the right ditch. The pick-up drove at a high rate of speed and recklessly in the ditch with occupants in the pick-up bed

unrestrained. The vehicle then passed the patrol vehicle and drove back onto the roadway. The officer witnessed the vehicle come to a stop and all occupants exited the road and stood on the roadway. The deputy had to drive on the left side of the roadway to avoid striking White who was attempting to block the deputy's vehicle. White and others got back into the vehicle and followed the deputy. A second protest vehicle also joined in the pursuit.
Highway Patrol troopers attempted to stop the vehicle driven by White. He refused to stop and troopers ended the high-speed pursuit for safety reasons.

If you have any information, please contact the Morton County Sheriff's Department at 701-667-3330.

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